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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: REVISED FINNISH ENMOD RESOLUTION

1. FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS AMONG CO-SPONSORS AND WITH NIGERIAN DEL, WHICH HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SEEKING BASIS FOR COMPROMISE ON ENMOD ITEM, FINLAND HAS TABLED REVISED RES (TEXT BELOW) EMBODYING SOME ELEMENTS OF AMENDMENTS NIGERIANS HAVE CIRCULATED INFORMALLY. IT WILL BE OBSERVED THAT TEXT IS ESSENTIALLY THAT AUTHORIZED IN REF (A), ALTHOUGH CERTAIN ELEMENTS THAT WERE AUTHORIZED HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED.

2. FINNISH AMB PASTINEN WILL INTRODUCE RES IN FIRST COMITE AM DECEMBER 2.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH REVISED RES MEETS A NUMBER OF CONCERNS ABOUT ORIGINAL FINNISH DRAFT EXPRESSED BY NIGERIANS AND VARIOUS OTHER DELS, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT
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IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE BROAD ACCEPTANCE AND,

IDEALLY, AVOID NECESSITY OF CONTESTING PRIORITY ISSUE
AS BETWEEN FINNISH AND MEXICAN RESES. NEGOTIATIONS
ARE CONTINUING INTENSIVELY BETWEEN CO-SPONSORS AND NIGERIANS.

4. TEXT OF REVISED FINNISH RES FOLLOWS:

GA,

RECALLING ITS RES 3264 (XXIX) OF 9 DEC 1974 AND 3475 (XXX)
OF 11 DEC 1975,

RECALLING ITS RES 1722 (XVI) OF 20 DEC 1961, IN WHICH IT
RECOGNIZED THAT ALL STATES HAVE A DEEP INTEREST IN DISARMAMENT
AND ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS,

DETERMINED TO AVERT POTENTIAL DANGERS OF MILITARY OR ANY
OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES,

CONVINCED THAT BROAD ADHERENCE TO A CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION
OF SUCH ACTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO CAUSE OF STRENGTHENING
PEACE AND AVERTING THREAT OF WAR,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT CONFERENCE OF COMITE ON DIS-
ARMAMENT HAS COMPLETED AND TRANSMITTED TO GA, IN REPORT OF
ITS WORK IN 1976, TEXT OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION
OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES,

ANXIOUS THAT DURING ITS 1977 SESSION, CONFERENCE OF COMITE ON
DISARMAMENT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON URGENT NEGOTIATIONS ON
DISARMAMENT AND ARMS LIMITATION MEASURES,

BEARING IN MIND THAT DRAFT AGREEMENTS ON DISARMAMENT AND
ARMS CONTROL MEASURES SUBMITTED TO GA BY CONFERENCE OF COMITE
ON DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE RESULT OF A PROCESS OF EFFECTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT SUCH INSTRUMENTS SHOULD DULY TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS AND INTERESTS OF ALL STATES SO THAT
THEY CAN BE JOINED BY WIDEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES,

BEARING IN MIND THAT ART VIII OF DRAFT CONVENTION MAKES
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PROVISION FOR A CONFERENCE TO REVIEW OPERATION OF CONVENTION
FIVE YEARS AFTER ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE, WITH A VIEW TO
ENSURING THAT ITS PURPOSES AND PROVISIONS ARE BEING REALIZED,

ALSO BEARING IN MIND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND NEGOTIATING
RECORDS OF CONFERENCE OF COMITE ON DISARMAMENT ON DISCUSSION
OF DRAFT CONVENTION,

CONVINCED THAT CONVENTION SHOULD NOT AFFECT USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, WHICH COULD
CONTRIBUTE TO PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENT FOR
BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS,

CONVINCED THAT CONVENTION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO REALIZATION OF
PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF CHARTER OF UN,

1. COMMENDS CONVENTION ON PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER
HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES,
TEXT OF WHICH IS ANNEXED TO THIS RESOLUTION,

2. REQUESTS SYG, AS DEPOSITARY OF CONVENTION, TO OPEN
FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE,

3. EXPRESSES ITS HOPE FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE
TO CONVENTION,

4. CALLS UPON CONFERENCE OF COMITE ON DISARMAMENT, WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED IN ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK,
TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW PROBLEM OF EFFECTIVELY AVERTING DANGERS
OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES,

5. REQUESTS THAT SYG TRANSMIT TO CONFERENCE OF COMITE ON
DISARMAMENT ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DISCUSSION BY GA
AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF QUESTION OF PROHIBITING
MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION
TECHNIQUES.

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